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SUBJECT: ANDEAN PACT - POSTPONEMENT OF COMMISSION MEETING

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1. THE REGULR MEETING OF THE ANDEAN PACT COMMISSIONSCHEDULED TO OPEN JULY 1 HERE HAS BEEN POSTPONED FOR AT LEAST ONE MONTH. POSTPONEMENT INDICATES THE CONSIDERABE DISAGREEMENT AMONG THE MEMBER COUNTRIES THAT MUST BE RESOLVED IF A POTENTIALLY DISASTROUS CONFRONTATION IS TO BE AVOIDED. WHILE THE GOP-DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY AND RELATED EVENTS WOULD JUSTIFY A DELAY IN ANY CASE, LIMA PRESS, CITING ANDEAN PACT AND GOP SOURCES, ATTRIBUTES THE DELAY TO A DISPUTE BETWEEN CHILE AND BOLIVIA ON THE ONE HAND AND VENEZUELA, COLOMBIA AND ECUADOR ON THE OTHER. THE FORMER REPORTEDLY WANT THE MODIFICATION OF DECISION 24 (TREATMENT OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT) TO BE GIVEN PRIORITY ON THE AGENDA, AND THE LATTER WANT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RATIFICATION OF DECISION 100 (DELAY IN IMPLEMENTING SECTORAL

PROGRAMS) TO HAVE PRIORITY. THE DIVISION IS, OF COURSE, FAR DEEPER THAN A SUPERFICIAL DISPUTE OVER AGENDA PRIORITY, BUT THE ALIGNMENT APPEARS TO US TO BE ACCURATE.

2. IN AN EFFORT TO OVERCOME THE CURRENT CRISIS, THE THREE JUNTA MEMBERS HAVE JUST BEGUN A TOUR OF THE CAPITALS OF MEMBER COUNTRIES, BEGINNING WITH SANTIAGO AND GOING TO LA PAZ, QUITO, BOGOTA, AND CARACAS. THE DIFFICULTY OF THEIR TASK IS REFLECTED IN A NEWS ITEM FROM CARACAS WHICH REPORTS A GOVERNMENT COMMUNIQUE STATING THAT VENEZUELA AND COLOMBIA INTEND TO CONTINUE THEIR ANDEAN PACT MEMBERSHIP EVEN IF OTHERS (READ CHILE AND BOLIVIA) SHOULD WITHDRAW.

3. FOR PERU, THE CONFRONTATION OVER THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF THE PACT COMES AT A MOST INCONVENIENT TIME. THIS IS DUE NOT ONLY TO INTERNAL TENSIONS, BUT ALSO TO THE GOP'S CHANGE FROM LEADING ADVOCATE TO MINORITY DEFENDER OF EARLY FORMATIVE PACT DECISIONS. SINCE THESE EARLY DECISIONS WERE MADE, VENEZUELA, AND TO A LESSER EXTENT ECUADOR, HAVE PROSPERED FROM AN INCREASE IN PETROLEUM REVENUES. BOLIVIA HAS NOT SEEN THE BENEFITS FROM SECTORAL PROGRAMS PROMISED BY ADHERENCE TO THE PACT, AND CHILE HAS ACQUIRED A GOVERNMENT WHICH HAS REVERSED THE ALLENDE ATTITUDE TOWARD FOREIGN CAPITAL. PERU IS THUS CAST PRETTY MUCH AS THE PRIME DEFENDER OF THE FAITH AT A TIME WHEN THE GOP IS ILL-EQUIPPED TO ASSUME THE ROLE. GOP EFFORTS TO ESCAPE THE DILEMMA OF NECESSARILY ACCOMMODATING DEMANDS FOR CHANGE IN THE NATURE OF THE PACT WHILE APPEARING TO REMAIN CONSISTENT WITH EARLIER PHILOSOPHY TAKE VARIOUS FORMS. GOP SPOKESMEN, FOR INSTANCE, STRADDLE THE ISSUE IN STATEMENTS TO THE PRESS ("FLEXIBILIZACION SI, DEFORMACION, NO"). MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE RECENT RATIFICATION OF DECISION 46 WITH SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE LOCAL DISTRIBUTION OF PROFITS BUT NOT SHARES REPRESENTED A SUCCESSFUL ACCOMMODATION OF PERU'S SOCIAL PROPERTY LAWS WITH PACT OBLIGATIONS. THE SUBSEQUENT DECISION TO FORM A JOINT MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE TO ESTABLISH A PERUVIAN POSITION ON DECISION 24 INDICATES A SEARCH FOR ACCOMMODATION THERE AS WELL.

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5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY INFORMATION ADDRESSEES ACQUIRE ON FORTHCOMING VISITS BY JUNTA MEMBERS MENTIONED PARA 2 ABOVE.
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